

State and County Central Committees (Political Party Committees) November 4, 2008 Election Calendar

Ongoing Reports:

- **State Ballot Measure Report.** Electronic filers¹ must file Form 496 or 497 within 10 business days if independent expenditures totaling \$5,000 or more or contributions totaling \$5,000 or more are made to support or oppose a state ballot measure. Independent expenditures of \$1,000 or more made during the 90-day election cycle (see below) must be reported within 24 hours. No paper copy is required and no copies are required to be filed with other filing officers.
- **Paid Spokesperson Report.** File Form 511 within 10 days if an expenditure of \$5,000 or more is made to an individual to appear in an advertisement to support or oppose a ballot measure.

August 6, 2008 through November 4, 2008 – 90-Day Election Cycle. Electronic filers must file Form 496 within 24 hours if independent expenditures totaling \$1,000 or more are made to support or oppose a state candidate or state ballot measure being voted on in the election. No paper copy is required and no copies are required to be filed with other filing officers, including during the late reporting period.

September 20, 2008 through November 3, 2008 – Issue Advocacy Report. Electronic filers must file Form E-530 within 48 hours if a payment or promise of payment of \$50,000 or more is made during the period for a communication identifying a state candidate being voted on in the election (but not expressly advocating support or opposition). No paper copy is required and no copies are required to be filed with other filing officers.

October 5, 2008 – First Pre-election Statement. File Form 450 or 460 if contributions totaling \$1,000 or more are received or contributions or independent expenditures totaling \$500 or more are made during the period July 1² through September 30. Also file Form 465 if independent expenditures totaling \$1,000 or more are made during the period to support or oppose a candidate or ballot measure being voted on in the election. [Note: Since October 5 falls on Sunday, the report is due October 6.]

October 23, 2008 – Second Pre-election Statement. File Form 450 or 460 if contributions totaling \$1,000 or more are received or contributions or independent expenditures totaling \$500 or more are made during the period October 1 through

¹ Committees must file electronically with the Secretary of State if, since January 1, 2000, they receive contributions or make expenditures totaling \$50,000 or more. For more information, visit the Secretary of State's website (www.sos.ca.gov). Paper filings may also be required.

² The period covered by any statement begins on the day after the closing date of the last statement filed, or January 1, if no previous statement has been filed.

October 18. Also file Form 465 if independent expenditures totaling \$1,000 or more are made during the period to support or oppose a candidate or ballot measure being voted on in the election.

October 19 through November 3, 2008 – Late Contribution/Late Independent Expenditure Reports. File Form 496 or 497 within 24 hours if, during the reporting period, contributions totaling \$1,000 or more are received, if contributions totaling \$1,000 or more are made to a candidate being voted on in the election or to a committee primarily formed to support or oppose a candidate or ballot measure being voted on in the election, or if independent expenditures totaling \$1,000 or more are made to support or oppose a candidate or ballot measure being voted on in the election.

November 4, 2008 – General Election.

January 31, 2009 – Semi-annual Statement. File Form 450 or 460 for the period October 19 through December 31. Also file Form 465 if independent expenditures totaling \$1,000 or more were made during the period to support or oppose candidates or measures being voted on in the November 4 election. [Note: Since January 31 falls on Saturday, the report is due February 2.]